

Hoisting Machine Operator's Advisory Board Minutes  
Tuesday, April 19, 2005  
1:00 p.m.  
Department of Labor & Industrial Relations Office  
HIOSH Training Room  
830 Punchbowl Street #425  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

**Members in Attendance:** Allan Parker, Tom Vendetta, Kerwin Chong and Ex. Dir Lora Contreras. Excused: Mel Miyamoto & Roy Akamine.

Call to order: Quorum was met. The meeting was called to order by Chair Parker at 1:05 p.m.

**Minutes of March 15, 2005:** Tom Vendetta moved, seconded by Kerwin Chong to approve the minutes as circulated.

**Community Concerns:** Mel Hipolito from Maui Pineapple Company addressed the board to request clarification on certification for crane operators. He informed the board that Maui Pineapple Company employ mechanics that only operate hoisting cranes to lift repair equipment. The board agreed to submit a letter outlining the the HMOAB administrative rules and guidelines of section 12-48-5.e; "A hoisting machine operator certificate is not required for persons performing maintenance or inspection work", for Maui Pineapple Company. Lora Contreras will draft the letter of response for DLIR Director Nelson Befitel's approval. George West requested the same clarification for Ameron Company via a telephone call to board member Mel Miyamoto. Chair Parker noted that a letter for Mr. West would also be sent to the director for approval.

Tom Vendetta informed the board of inquiries from the City & County regarding certification for riggers. After some discussion the board's consensus was that riggers were not covered under the rules and certification was not necessary at this time. Further discussion on an extension for "special certification" will take place at the next board meeting.

**Director's Report:** 1) Mr. Mark Behrens from HIOSH reported that there hasn't been any reported crane accidents since our last report of 8/16/00. He also confirmed none have been reported on tower cranes; 2) CRTC has circulated applications for practical testing and new classes; 3) The board approved the economic assessment statement and legal notice that is needed to be submitted with the amendment; 4) Ralph Cushnie was confirmed 4/8/05, to replace out-going board member Mel Miyamoto on July 1, 2005.

**New Business:** Discussion continued on certification for tower cranes and whether it would be feasible for certification. Substitution cranes are available statewide but tower cranes are not used often enough at construction sites to merit certification. Operators that have current practical certification may be required to just take a written exam. Further discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

Unfinished Business: None

Executive Session: None

Correspondence: None

Announcements: Next board meeting Tuesday, May 17, 2005, 1:00 pm.

Adjournment: Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.